

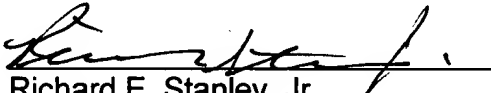


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60/206,457, which were filed May 22, 2000. The present application was filed on May 15, 2001, during the pendency of the said applications. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(5), a reference to these applications should have been made in the first sentence of the present application by September 22, 2001, which is the later of 16 months from the filing date of said applications or 4 months from the filing date of the present application. Applicants hereby state that the entire delay between September 22, 2001 and date of the filing the accompanying amendment was unintentional.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(6), Applicants submit herewith a check in the amount of \$1,280 for the surcharge set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(t). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 associated with this communication, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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